

REMARKS

The Non-Final Office Action, mailed March 22, 2007, considered claims 38–61. Claims 38–45 were allowed. Claims 46–61 were rejected under 35 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.¹

By this response, claims 46 and 54 are amended. Claims 38–45 have been allowed and claims 46–61 remain pending. Claims 46 and 54 are independent claims which remain at issue. Support for the amendments may be found within Specification pp. 4–29.²

Claims 46–61 were objected to for the independent claims, 46 and 54, being of improper independent form. Independent claims 46 and 54 have now been rewritten in proper independent claim form. Independent claims 46 and 54, as now amended, incorporate the method as allowed in claim 38 and, therefore, should now be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow each of the remaining claims.

In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at 801-533-9800.

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¹ Although the prior art status of the cited art is not being challenged at this time, Applicants reserve the right to challenge the prior art status of the cited art at any appropriate time, should it arise. Accordingly, any arguments and amendments made herein should not be construed as acquiescing to any prior art status of the cited art.

² However, it should be noted that the present invention and claims as recited take support from the entire Specification. As such, no particular part of the Specification should be considered separately from the entirety of the Specification.